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The teams play again tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Holmes Center.

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Men's Basketball

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[Postgame radio interview](#) with [Brian Burg](#)

BOONE, N.C. – Donovan Gregory hit the go-ahead free-throw with 8.6 seconds left, and Appalachian State held Georgia Southern scoreless for the final 4:09 of the contest as the Mountaineers topped Georgia Southern 66-63 in Sun Belt Conference men's basketball action Friday night in the Holmes Center.

The Mountaineers rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit, and Gregory's free throw gave them a 64-63 lead, their first of the period. Following an Eagle timeout, [Eric Boone](#) got the ball to [Prince Toyambi](#) in the post, but the redshirt sophomore's turnaround jumper went off the glass and rolled off the front of the rim. The Eagles fouled Justin Forrest with 0.5 on the clock, and the senior made both free throws for the final margin.

Eagles of the Game

Toyambi finished with team highs of 12 points and 11 rebounds, including seven on the offensive glass, for the first double-double of his career. Boone finished with 10 points, two assists and two steals, while [Elijah McCadden](#) and [Zack Bryant](#) each scored nine.

Key Moments

Georgia Southern (7-5, 1-2) shot 48 percent from the floor and made seven triples to build a 10-point advantage at halftime. Boone, Bryant and McCadden made baskets as the Eagles scored the first six points of the second period, and GS led 47-31 with 16:26 remaining.

Appalachian State (8-4, 2-1) continued to chip away, and after a McCadden triple from the wing put the Eagles ahead by 11 midway through the stanza, the Mountaineers finished the contest with a 19-5 run. App held the Eagles to two baskets on their last 10 tries of the contest and forced six Georgia Southern turnovers.

Stats and Notes

- Georgia Southern committed 10 of its 17 turnovers in the second half.
- The Mountaineers outscored the Eagles by nine points at the free-throw line.
- Appalachian State has won the last three against the Eagles and overcome double-digit deficits in all three.

Next Up

The Eagles and Mountaineers meet again Saturday in the Holmes Center. Tipoff is set for 4 p.m. on ESPN+ and the Georgia Southern Sports Network.

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